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SUBJECT: SPECIAL MEETING IWC, DECEMBER 6-7, TOKYO
1. FOLLOWING IS PERSONAL REPORT OF MS. BARNES ON BARNES
AND ARON MEETING ON NOVEMBER 28 WITH CANADIAN IWC COMMIS-
SIONER, ROBERT MARTIN; ROBERT APPLEBAUM, CANADIAN DEPART-
MENT OF FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT; AND MACK MERCER,
CANADIAN WHALE SCIENTIST. WHILE CANADIANS INDICATED SOME
UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. PROBLEM WITH BOWHEAD WHALES, THEY
WERE NOT VERY SUPPORTIVE. QUESTIONED WHETHER THIS ISSUE
IS ANY WORSE FOR US THAN REDUCTIONS IN WHALING HAVE BEEN
FOR OTHER COUNTRIES. THEY KNEW SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE IS
STANDING BY ITS JUNE RECOMMENDATION, BUT HAD NOT HEARD
SC HAD RECOGNIZED IWC MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER OTHER FACTORS.
MARTIN STATED HIS BELIEF THAT NEW VILLAGES HAVE JOINED
HUNT IN RECENT YEARS. ALSO ASKED WHY U.S. DOCUMENTS HAD
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NOT RPT NOT CONSIDERED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SPRING AND FALL
HUNTS. QUESTION OF DIET SUPPLEMENT WAS ALSO RAISED IN
REFERENCE TO BELUGA WHALE. CANADIANS CONCERNED THAT
POSSIBLE U.S. TAKE OF BELUGA ON TOP OF PRESENT CANADIAN
TAKE COULD ENDANGER BELUGA.
2. CANADIANS WILL SUPPORT ATTENDANCE OF INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR
CONFERENCE AS OBSERVERS IN TOKYO, BUT IN GENERAL FAVOR

BOLLEN'S PROPOSALS ON OBSERVERS. ALSO QUESTIONED NEED FOR MORE THAN ONE OBSERVER FROM EACH ORGANIZATION.

3. ON RENEGOTIATION OF IWC CONVENTION, CANADIANS AGREED DATE FOR PREPATORY MEETING SHOULD NOT SLIP PAST JULY 1978. ALSO STATED THERE ARE TWO ISSUES, AREA OF APPLICATION AND EXTENSION TO ALL CETACEANS.

4. ON CANADIAN PROPOSALS TO REORGANIZE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CANADIANS STATED THEY FEEL TC SHOULD BE SMALLER THAN PLENARY TO ALLOW FOR MORE ORDERLY OPERATIONS. TC SHOULD RECOMMEND TO PLENARY METHODS OF IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE. SUGGESTED TOKYO MEETING COULD ESTABLISH WORKING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON CHANGES TO TC TO ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 1978.

5. THREE ABOVE CANADIANS WILL COMPRISE DELEGATION IN TOKYO.

6. ON ANOTHER MATTER, MARY LIB HOINKES WILL ARRIVE IN TOKYO, DECEMBER 4, AT 5:00 P.M. VANCE

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